



# St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

*Confidently sharing the love of Christ*

## **Feast of Pentecost** **19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



*Welcome to St Anne's today—it is great to have you with us. St Anne's is the local Church of England parish church, and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask. We will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst.*

*All the words for the service will be on the screens at the front however, if you would prefer to have a printed copy in your hands, or a large print copy, there are hymn books and service sheets at the back.*

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**Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit which renews and sustains us.**

*A Priest will greet us. Please stand when the bell is rung. We sing our Processional **Hymn 140 – Come thou long expected Jesus** as the Clergy enter.*

### ***The Gathering***

We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen .

**He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

*The President will introduce the service.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,

**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Opening reading for Pentecost*

*Luke does a great deal to confine the outbreak of the Spirit within the constraints of respectability. A key factor in this strategy involves reading Luke and Acts together, not necessarily as one seamless story but at least in sequence. The opening of Acts encourages its reader to remember Luke's Gospel (Acts 1:1-5).*

*The risen Jesus has already prepared the disciples for this moment. Having appeared to them after his resurrection, Jesus promises to deliver what his Father has promised to him: "power from on high" (Luke 24:49).*

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Priest says*

As we rejoice in the power of the promised Holy Spirit,  
let us offer our praise to God in the words of the Gloria

*We sing the Gloria*

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we  
worship You we give You thanks, we praise You for your  
glory. Refrain:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer. Refrain:**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Refrain.**

***The Collect***

*The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer and then says:*

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Word** (please sit)

*We hear a reading from the New Testament*

*While the text in Acts 2 for the day of Pentecost celebrates the initial arrival of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:22-27 describes the ongoing reality of life in the Spirit.*

*At first glance, we might prefer Acts' portrait of the Spirit spontaneously uniting a diverse crowd of people into an idyllic community to Paul's description of groaning, pain, and weakness. But sitting with Romans 8:22-27 reveals an equally powerful portrait of the Spirit's work that both challenges and comforts the contemporary world.*

**Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We sing our Gradual **Hymn 87 – Breath on me breath of God** during which the Gospel is processed*

*The Gospel is announced.*

*Pentecost! A time of being both uprooted and deeply grounded.*

*Like the wind, the Spirit moves us in different ways, sending us to other places and nesting us into other ground. To experience Pentecost*

*it is necessary to search for change and to allow ourselves to be changed. Changes mean new forms of consciousness, awareness, commitments, and agency. What is it in your life that needs to be changed? Like seeds, we must learn to let go and die so we can sprout into life! Be uprooted from ways of thinking and believing and be taken by the Spirit, flowing with God's grace to more expansive and necessary ways of living our faith in our world today. In this text, Jesus is offering his "so long" talk to his disciples. It is about time for Jesus to go, but he assures them they will not be alone. They will have each other and the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. Jesus' swirling talk moves in various correlations while also showing how the Spirit will be manifested in them. Jesus is placing himself in the past while the Spirit is what comes next, continuing the work of God and/in Jesus.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*(John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)*

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:4But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see

me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Gospel is carried back to the Altar as quiet music is played.*

*We sit to listen to the sermon. After the sermon silence is kept.*

*We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the (+) resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community. During the prayers we use the response:*

Lord, come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

*Sometimes we will also use the words after we pray for those who have died:*

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord  
**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace  
**And rise in Glory**

*At the conclusion of the prayers we say.*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Liturgy of the Sacrament*** (please stand)

*The Priest will introduce the peace*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**  
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us in a way we are comfortable until the offertory Hymn is announced. We sing the offertory Hymn* **580 – O thou who camest from above**

During the Hymn a collection is taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of St Anne's . Cash can be placed in the bowls that are passed around, or you can use the contactless point at the rear of church. Alternatively, you can use this QR code or the link to donate online [givealittle.co/c/5CViG8ADnBxdvxjc2bWYFm](https://givealittle.co/c/5CViG8ADnBxdvxjc2bWYFm)





Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor, who fills our praise  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The preface continues until we sing.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*After the Consecration*

Great is the mystery of Faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we sing **Amen.***

*We join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say in our preferred version and language.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei.*

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The Elevation*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord (+) I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*We receive communion, during which we listen to David play. All who are baptised are welcome to receive, and you may choose if you are ready to receive the chalice. We receive God's grace in one kind or two. You may also like to come forward for a blessing.; and you may wish to light a candle.*

*After all have received we keep a brief silence before the president leads us in prayer.*

*At the end of communion the priest will lead us in a period of silence, and then a short prayer :*

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We listen to the notices about our community life.*

***The Dismissal*** (please stand)

*The ministers go to the Easter Candle. A minister says*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.*

*When all the candles are lit the president says*

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Queens Park, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you continue to be an Ambassador for Christ in this community and beyond?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark

places?

**We will.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

*We receive God's blessing:*

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*We sing our final hymn 114 – Colours of Day during which the clergy depart.*

***Please do join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation.***

## **Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary**

### **A note from Mother Christine**

It is quite surreal to be back in the parish this week after 12 weeks. I have had a good time with many different experiences and opportunities. Many in Australia, as well as a Pilgrimage in the North of England, and some time on the coast.

I have been surprised at what I have learnt – not necessarily what I had anticipated.

I wanted to thank you all for the time. For all of you who stepped up and helped out and supported. This was only possible through your care and generosity. Thank you!

### **Laurence's Larder**

As you know Laurence's Larder is back in full swing serving meals every Thursday and providing food bags as well. They continue to welcome Tuna but can also use **sardines and long life milk** – though any non-perishable everyday food items are great!

### **Gardening morning**

**A huge thank you to all who helped with the Gardening morning yesterday.**

**Our next Saturday gardening session will be 8<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 12noon, so that we are all tidy for Open Gardens the following week!**

**No experience necessary – please bring your own gloves!**



### **Tea and Chat**

Since February, Tea and Chat has been held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month**. This pattern will continue at least until the Summer. The upcoming dates for Tea and Chat will be **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. From Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June we will resume weekly sessions.**

## **Queens Park Open Studios and Gardens**

Queen's Park Open Gardens and Studios will be on **Sunday 16 June 2024** from around midday and till 5pm. St Anne's will be a venue again this year. We will need volunteers to help welcome people to the building. We are also planning to serve tea with cakes and so will need some volunteers to help with this, as well as donations of tray bakes and cakes. Please sign up to help with this event on the sheet at the entrance to the church. You can also speak with Mo C.

## **Rev Nicki's Farewell and end of Curacy**

Rev Nicki has been with us as Curate for nearly 3 years, and her curacy comes to an end on the 30 June. Nicki has been a great blessing to us all during her time with us; while she has also been working for the Diocese as the ***Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations***. Nicki will continue in her Diocesan role, but she is now ready to graduate from curacy!

Nicki's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and we will have a celebration after the service as well. Please put this date in your diary as it will be lovely to have as many people as possible at this service of transition.

## **Archdeacons Visitation and Swearing in Church Wardens**

The Annual service will take place in Brent on **Tuesday 18th June at St Gabriel, Cricklewood at 7.45pm** and will include the admission of churchwardens, a celebration of 2030 Vision and ministry in the deanery, as well as the presentation on Common Fund 2025 for treasurers and parish representatives. This is a public service and you are very welcome to attend.



*The Feast of Pentecost is a celebration of our life as a community of faith – our Church Family. This cartoon reminds us that we are many and varied. Feel free to colour it!*



**For our prayers—** All doing exams, Olawale, Eunice, Marco, Irene, Patsy, Jean, Joyce, Guy and Renate, AnneMarie and Marion, Emma, Peter and Rhona, Florret, John and Josephine, Harriet, May, Mavis, Kay, Comfort, Jean, Pearl, Peter, Ruth, John and Cecilia .We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Olga Paskins and Velma Smith.

### **Services during the week 19th May 2024**

**Tuesday 8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel and on Zoom

**Thursday 8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel

**Friday 8.30 Morning Prayer** in chapel

**9.30am My Move**

**2pm Tea and Chat**

**Sunday 26th 9 am** Morning Prayer in Chapel and Zoom

*Trinity Sunday* **10am** Sung Mass with Sunday School

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